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TO:

Minerals File

FROM:

Tom Munson, Reclamation Specialist

RE:

Site Inspections, Gemstone Mining Incorporated, Red Emerald Mine, M/001/045,

Beaver County, Utah

Date of Inspection:

11/8/2001, 12/4/2001, 12/21/2001, and 1/8/2002 (BLM Inspection)

Time of Inspection:

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Conditions:

Cold and cloudy

Participants:

Clint Christiansen, Construction and Mining Services (CMS), and Dominique

Merz, President of GMI; Ed Ginouves, BLM; and Tom Munson, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: The purpose of these three inspections by the Division and one by the BLM was

to track and confirm reclamation of the site.

Getting to the site: Travel South of Milford towards Minersville until you turn right on the main road across the valley. Travel on the mine road from this paved road to the mine.

Observations:

11/8/2001

During this inspection we met onsite with Mr. Dominique Merz and Clint Christiansen of CMS. We discussed the requirements of reclamation and what needed to occur so that Gemstone Mining Inc. could get their reclamation bond money released. We talked about the timeframes involved. Mr. Merz stated that he felt the entire reclamation would be done by the end of the year, including regrading and seeding. Mr. Merz stated that CMS would do the reclamation work. The Division and BLM would be working with them to determine that it was done correctly. Photos were taken of the site

12/4/01

During this inspection, reclamation had commenced and the upper pit had been filled in. CMS was working on moving topsoil around the hill to put on the lower pad. At this time, they were using a dozer and a trackhoe to complete the project. The comments made by CMS and what was resolved during this inspection was the adequacy of the substitute topsoil and the amounts that were being applied. The original plan called for the application of soil amendments, and as such, this was considered a deviation from the original plan since they choose to forgo the soil amendments in lieu of the application of substitute topsoil. Several test pits where dug across the upper pit with a shovel to

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determine the amounts of topsoil applied and it was determined to be anywhere between 6-12 inches or deeper.

12/21/01

The next and final DOGM inspection occurred on this date and was merely to confirm that the commitments made by CMS where carried out and that the regarding work was almost complete. At the time of inspection there were three pieces of equipment, a trackhoe, dozer, and articulated dump truck for hauling topsoil. Regrading and topsoiling work was almost completed on the lower storage pad and the Harris pit. It was determined that one more inspection would be required by the BLM to confirm that the final topsoiling and seeding had been accomplished and a partial bond release could be granted.

BLM inspection 1/8/01

The final site inspection was carried out by Ed Ginouves of the BLM. The site inspection including all the necessary earthwork and reseeding had been satisfactorily completed for the mine site area with the exception of the following:

- 1.) The mine access gate is still in place.
- 2.) The mine road from the access gate to the mine office pad is unreclaimed.
- 3.) The mine office pad is unreclaimed.
- 4.) The mine office and storage shed are still in place.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

After the completion of these inspections it is now appropriate to release the reclamation funds related to regarding of the site. Reclamation funds should be withheld to amend the soils, reseed, and roughen the surface if seeding does not take. Reclamation funds will also be withheld to reclaim the four items listed above until such time as a replacement bond is posted by Red Emerald Inc.

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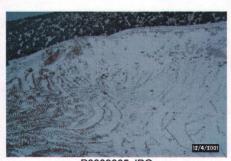
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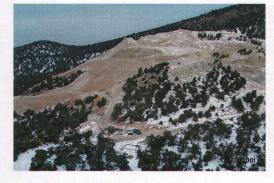
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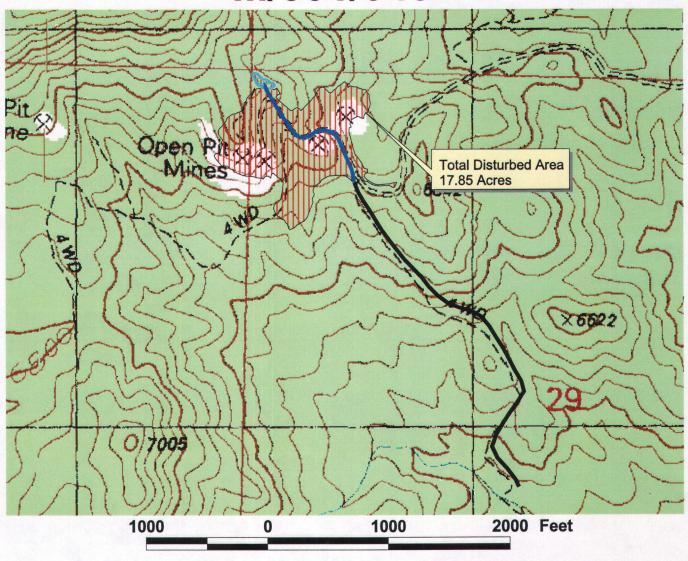
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The Red Emerald Mine Gemstone Mining Inc. M/001/045



Pad
Road Through Reclaimed Area
Road from gate to mine
Current mine related disturbance

This map was generated on 1/23/2002 and corresponds to the attached bond estimate

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